

**Dussindale Primary School**  
**Year 3 Knowledge Organiser: Ancient Egypt**



<b>Key Vocabulary</b>	
Afterlife	The place where Egyptians believed they would go after they died
Akhet	The season of the year when the Nile river flooded
Mummification	The process in which the flesh and skin of a corpse (dead body) can be preserved.
Canopic jars	Special jars that held the organs of a mummy including the lungs, intestines, liver and stomach
Dynasty	A period of rule when a series of kings or pharaohs all came from the same family
Hieroglyphics	A type of writing that used a combination of pictures and symbols
Papyrus	A plant that grew on the banks of the Nile
Pharaoh	The supreme ruler of Ancient Egypt
Sarcophagus	A large stone box that held a mummy's coffin
burial chamber	A room that is often below ground level that is used to bury the remains of the dead.
Momument	A large structure, usually made in stone that is built to remind people of an event in history.
tomb	A large grave that is built above ground with sculpture or decoration on it.
Pyramid	A building with triangular sides built as an Egyptian tomb (a place to bury the dead).



<b>Time line of Key Events</b>	
<b>3500 BCE</b>	First use of hieroglyphic symbols
<b>3100 BCE</b>	Narmer unites regions of Lower and Upper Egypt.
<b>2650 BCE</b>	First step pyramid built
<b>2550 BCE</b>	Pyramids at Giza built
<b>2335 BCE</b>	Pyramid texts written (magical spells to protect pharaohs)
<b>1336 BCE</b>	Tutankhamen becomes pharaoh
<b>1279 BCE</b>	Ramses II becomes pharaoh
<b>1100 BCE</b>	Upper & Lower Egypt split
<b>332 BCE</b>	Alexander the Great conquers Egypt
<b>196 BCE</b>	Rosetta stone carved
<b>1279 BCE</b>	Ramses II becomes pharaoh
<b>30 BCE</b>	Egypt becomes a Roman Province
<b>1922 CE</b>	Carter discovers Tutankhamen's tomb

**What did the Ancient Egyptians ever do for us?**

Hieroglyphs were one of the first forms of written communication. The Egyptians were the first to form writing material in the form of papyrus. In farming, some of the earliest ploughs were used in Ancient Egypt. Egyptians also invented the first key-operated locks.